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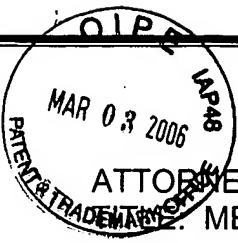
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In response to the Office Action of January 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.